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Sort 5- Derivational

Adding -ion to base words, no spelling changes

Sort your words according to their suffixes. Alphabetize each column when you write them down. Do NOT rewrite the guide word in bold.

base -ct	-ct + ion	base -ss	-ss + ion
subtract	subtraction	express	expression

Generalizing the pattern:

You should notice in these words that the spelling of the base word does NOT change when you add the -ion ending. However the pronunciation does change. The final /t/ sounds changes to /sh/. The final /s/ sound also becomes /sh/. The meaning of the word also changes to create a word that means “the act of result of”.

Below is a list of synonyms for your spelling words. Match the spelling word to the list of synonyms (it will be a base word).

Synonyms	Spelling Base Word
dead, destroyed, vanished	
utter, articulate, communicate, say	
assembly, legislature, council, senate, parliament	
separate, different, diverse, individual	
own, have, hold	

confession-

Partner _____
